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Captain Waterhouse M.P.
to Mr Macmillan

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Sudan.

Seeks an assurance that we will not
allow the Southern Sudanese refugees in Uganda to be
surrendered. Comments generally on developments in
the Sudan.

References to former relevant papers

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A) Capt. Waterhouse M.P. to Mr Turtin Nov. 29.

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I attach herewith draft replies to two letters from Members of Parliament.

I very much regret the delay which has taken place in submitting substantive answers. The member of the Department concerned was very heavily occupied with the negotiations with the Egyptians about the future of the Sudan and with a considerable number of parliamentary questions and it seems unfortunately that he overlooked these letters in his tray in the rush of immediate developments. I have again drawn attention to the necessity for dealing promptly with letters from Members of Parliament as was recently emphasised in an office circular.

T.E. Bromley

(T.E. Bromley)

November 23, 1955

Mr. Rae

Pl. b. u. to me after these two letters have issued.

African Div.

This delay is most regrettable.

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House of Commons,
London, S.W.1

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26th October 1955

by Dan Harold from Mr. Nathan 27/x

The particular purpose of this letter is to seek an assurance that in spite of the desirability of keeping Azhari sweet, nothing will induce you to allow the Southern Sudanese refugees in Uganda to be surrendered, at least until order and justice are firmly re-established and the Egyptians completely cleared out of the whole of the Sudan.

On the larger issue, the Foreign Office will, of course, have anticipated the general developments both in Cyprus and in the Sudan as natural consequences flowing from the Agreement of last summer, but it may well be that the speed of the Communist moves in Egypt have surprised it.

Recent events indicate that the Egyptians are no more disposed today than in the past to honour treaty obligations, and I hope you may be prepared, should they attempt to drive you too far, to denounce the Treaty of February 1953 while re-affirming Sudanese independence, to end the Condominium, and accept any consequences which may arise in Egypt.

I feel sure that, choosing your occasion aright, you would have a nation-wide wave of enthusiastic support for such a policy, which would do much to cure Middle Eastern jaundice and would materially assist the French.

Wm. A. R. Brown
Charles Whitehouse

The Rt.Hon. Harold Macmillan, M.P.,
Foreign Office,
S.W. 1.

October 27, 1955

I write in the absence
of the Foreign Secretary
to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of October 26
concerning the Middle East.

A reply will be sent
to you as soon as possible.

(Sgd) J. A. N. GRAHAM.

Private Secretary

Capt. Rt. Hon. C. Waterhouse,
M.C., M.P.

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To:

Capt. Charles
Waterhouse,
M.P.

From:

Mr. Turton.

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The whole process of Self-Determination, which will
of course, include the plebiscite, will be subject
to the supervision of an International Commission.

This is as provided for in Article 10 of the

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Anglo-Egyptian Agreement ^{insert} and we are at the moment discussing
the exact terms of reference ^(of the Commission) with the Egyptians. Our
aim is to see that the Sudanese choice is
made, and the Condominium brought to
an end in an orderly manner, in accordance with the
terms of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement.

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between independence and some form of union
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R. H. TURTON

(Parliamentary Under-Secretary)

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1. Mr Turton
2. African Dept
(P.H.)

House of Commons,

London, S.W.1

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Dear Robin,

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Thank you for answering my letter to Harold. I did not really expect a Departmental reply - it was just a personal note.

I am interested in the middle paragraph and mildly entertained to be told in the third that self-determination in the Sudan has begun! ,

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Cham.

The Rt.Hon. R.H. Turton, M.P.,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

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